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THOMAS AINSWORTH DEAD

Dies Very Suddenly of Acute Indigestion.

Thomas Ainsworth, a highly respected citizen of this county, was stricken Sunday morning about 6:30 o'clock with acute indigestion, and lived only about thirty minutes. He arose in the morning in his usual good health, ate a hearty breakfast, and started for the cow lot when he was seen to fall. The attack was so violent that he lived only a short time. The news was a shock to everyone who knew him. Mr. Ainsworth was an unpretentious, honorable and honest man. He had been a life-long member of the Methodist church, and was one of the pillars of the local body. He was consistent in his religion, and lived truly a devout follower of his Lord.

Mr. Ainsworth was born in Dorset county, England, January 29, 1839. In 1864 he was married to Miss Fannie Palmer, and in 1871 they came to this country and settled on the farm where he died.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Niece Sill and Mrs. George Doan, and one son, John Ainsworth, all of this county. He is also survived by one brother, Henry, living in Lexington, and one brother and two sisters living in England.

The funeral, conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. M. Davenport, was held Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church.

At Rest.

The funeral services of J. C. McGrew were held Friday at three o'clock from the residence, 1101 South street. The service in every detail was in accordance to the wishes expressed by Mr. McGrew before his death. Rev. T. M. Cobb, assisted by Rev. R. B. Brinay of Kansas City, conducted the funeral and made a most impressive talk. The choir sang the favorite hymns of Mr. McGrew and the pall bearers were the men of his choosing. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

After the services at the home the body was taken to Machpelah and with a brief and solemn ceremony laid to rest.

Will Probated.

The will of the late James C. McGrew was offered for probate Friday. Under its provisions his estate is left to E. J. and J. C. McGrew in trust for his two sons, E. J. and J. C. McGrew, his daughter, Mary W. Bard, and his adopted daughter and granddaughter, Estelle McGrew Duval. One-half of the net annual income goes into the trust and the other half is divided equally between the four beneficiaries. The trust terminates when Estelle McGrew Duval becomes of age. The will was dated February 20, 1907, and was witnessed by James R. Moorehead and Walter B. Waddell. E. J. and J. C. McGrew are named as executors.

Elks' Flag Day Exercises.

One of the most beautiful ceremonies of the Elks Lodge is that of Flag Day. The exercises this year will be held in the Christian church Friday evening, June 14th. Paul P. Prosser, of Fayette, Mo., has been secured as the orator of the occasion. Mr. Prosser is undoubtedly one of the most eloquent of the present day Missourians, and a fine oration is anticipated. The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises.

Circuit Court.

The circuit court with Judge Samuel Davis presiding, convened Monday morning for the June term.

In the circuit court Monday Judge Davis handed down a decision in the case of the McGrew Coal Co. vs. the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company whereby the plaintiff receives a judgment of \$7316.64.

In another case brought by J. C. McGrew, Sr., the executors, E. J. and J. C. McGrew receive a judgment against the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company for \$16,504.19.

The jury was excused until Friday of this week.

In the case of Louise Opfer vs. Gustav Opfer, decree of divorce for plaintiff and \$200.00 alimony, and restoration of maiden name of Louise Boedeker.

In the case of Leland Vaughan vs. Bessie Vaughan, decree of divorce for the plaintiff.

In the case of Harry A. Fischer vs. Lorine Fischer, et al. partition, H. C. Wallace appointed guardian ad litem for Lorine and Aileen Fischer.

In the case of A. L. Moorehead vs. C. M. Hoghton, dismissed by plaintiff.

In the case of Elmer Webb vs. Irvin Wilkinson, suit on note. Judgment by default in favor of the plaintiff for \$582.00 and interest at 7 per cent.

In the case of Emma Hutchings vs. J. P. Powell, slander. Defendant files depositions of witnesses.

In the case of Mary West vs. Daniel West, divorce. Plaintiff files proof of publication.

In the case of Edward Edwards vs. Frank W. Coover, et al. defendant files demurer.

An Interesting Meeting.

The New Era club held its first meeting Thursday evening in the Sunday school room of the Christian church. About twenty-five men were in attendance.

A discussion of the various presidential candidates constituted the main feature of the program. Talks were made as follows: Warren Sherman, Taft; Clarence Vivion, Clark; Joseph Graddy, Roosevelt; E. N. Hopkins, Bryan; Ovid Sellers, Wilson; C. L. Ristine, Debs. On the vote it was decided that E. N. Hopkins made the best talk and that Clark stood the best chance of being elected.

A lunch of sandwiches, pickles and coffee followed by cigars was served. The Young Men's club orchestra furnished music during the evening and a quartet sang on account of the meeting to the tune of "Didn't He Ramble."

The meeting was very interesting and somewhat instructive. The club promises to become very popular. It is open to men of any denomination and is social in its object.

Miss Wilson Entertains

Miss Elizabeth Wilson entertained twelve couples of young people at her home, 307 Washington Avenue, in honor of Miss Eleanor Stannard of St. Louis and Miss Dixie Nickell of Fulton. Dancing was the main diversion of the evening and the lower floor easily accommodated the small crowd. Punch was served throughout the evening and during the intermission the guests were given ice cream and cake. Frank Evans played.

The evening was delightfully informal and the cool weather made dancing exceptionally enjoyable.

Neer-Davis.

Mr. Elijah Neer and Miss Julia Davis were married Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Kate Davis, Sixteenth and Lafayette streets. Before the ceremony Miss Atha Dewees sang "Thy Beaming Eyes," Miss Izetta Gaffin playing the accompaniment. Then Miss Dewees played the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin and the bridal party entered.

Little Miss Enpha Neer, sister of the groom, and little Miss Cardotta Davis, niece of the bride, were the ribbon bearers. The bride's attendants were Miss Mary Davis, Miss Cliffee Dillingham, Miss Isabella Green and Miss Julia Davis. The groom was attended only by his best man, Mr. George Slusher. L. G. Eckle gave the bride away. Little Miss Cornelia Tapp was the ring bearer. The bride and her attendants wore dresses of white lace and carried bride's roses.

Dr. Z. M. Williams, president of Central College, performed the ceremony.

This wedding has been anticipated for some time and came after a series of parties in honor of the bride. The bride is an estimable and attractive young lady. She was born and reared in Lexington and educated in the Lexington public schools. She was a member of the class just graduated from the high school. The groom is indeed worthy of congratulations.

Mr. Neer is a promising young man associated with his father in the management of a large farm and dairy. He was educated in the schools of this county and the Wentworth Military academy from which he was graduated in 1911. He has energy and ability to provide his wife with a good home.

Mr. and Mrs. Neer left on the west-bound train after the ceremony for a short trip, after which they will be at home on the farm.

Negro Church Caught Fire.

About one o'clock Wednesday morning fire broke out in the negro Baptist church at the corner of Twelfth and Main streets. For a while it appeared that the entire building would be lost, but steady work on the part of the firemen soon put the fire under control and held down the loss which was fully covered by insurance. The cause of the fire cannot be determined.

John Menaugh, one of the firemen, was seriously injured when he fell under the wagon at the corner of eleventh and Main. Mr. Menaugh had jumped off to rearrange the harness and was thrown under the wheels when he attempted to remount.

In Appreciation.

On behalf of the family, we wish to express our sincere appreciation of the marks of respect shown the memory of our beloved father by the business men of Lexington in closing their places of business on the afternoon of the funeral.

Very Respectfully,

E. J. MCGREW.
JAMES C. MCGREW.

Hon. Alex. Graves has received notice that the insurance case he had pending in the Supreme Court of Texas, has been decided in favor of his client. The suit was to collect on two life insurance policies in the New York Equitable. The amount involved including interest is approximately \$95,000.

A FINE ADDRESS

Mr. Prosser Pleases a Large Audience.

Paul P. Prosser of Fayette, Mo., candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from this, the seventh congressional district, made one of the most eloquent and profound speeches Friday night in the court house ever heard in Lexington. Mr. Prosser, immediately after the introduction by Judge Richard Field, launched into a discussion of the most momentous question of the day—the tariff tax. The greatest orators of the country have been listened to here in Lexington on this subject, and a conclusion had been reached by many, that they had heard every argument, pro and con, that could be made on the subject. But not so, Mr. Prosser, revealed in his speech a profound investigation of the subject; new facts were brought out in his historical analysis of this iniquitous tax. His arguments were convincing, his style equal to a Vest or a Bryan, and every listener was charmed by his rapid and distinct enunciation. He spoke for more than an hour and a half without a seconds hesitation. Everyone who heard him must have been impressed with the fact that he truly possesses a great mind, and that such ability cannot go unrewarded. Mr. Prosser will speak here Friday night, June 14, at the Flag Day services of the Lexington Lodge of Elks.

Improvement at Ruebel & Lale's.

Ruebel and Lale Wednesday installed three new barber chairs. The chairs are white enamel, trimmed in nickel and brass with leather seats and backs. They are very attractive and add much to the appearance of the shop. These gentlemen are to be congratulated on maintaining one of the best barber shops in Missouri.

The City Wins.

The Federal court in Kansas City, Judge Phillips presiding, handed down a decision Friday in favor of the City of Lexington in the case of the injunction suit brought by the Price Mercantile Company of Kansas, against the city officials, restraining them from collecting a license from their peddlers. The city was represented by Graves and Lyons.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to:

Gordon Snell Lexington
Bessie Finn Bosworth
Chas. A. Butler Wellington
Daisy R. Day Odessa
Leroy W. Bell Corder
Nellie Van Meter Corder
Hugh Shelby Lexington
May McQueen Hardin
J. Homer Chambers Odessa
Bertha B. Logan Lexington
Richard J. Reisterer, Jr., Concordia
Agnes Welsh Concordia

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGrew, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McGrew went to Sedalia Friday for a visit.

Mrs. E. H. Schafer returned Friday to her home in Chicago after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moorehead.

William Steele returned Friday night from Fulton, where he has been attending Westminster College.

Chambers-Logan.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Logan, two miles east of Lexington, was the scene of a pretty home wedding Wednesday evening when their daughter, Miss Bertha, was married to Mr. Homer Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Chambers. Rev. R. B. Briney of Kansas City performed the ceremony.

The bride and groom are most estimable young people and have a host of friends in this community who wish them happiness and prosperity.

Paul P. Prosser, candidate for the Democratic nomination for congressman, arrived Wednesday evening for a few days' stay for the purpose of meeting the voters of this vicinity. Mr. Prosser will deliver the address at the Flag Day services of the Elks which will be held in the Christian church Friday night. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carter returned yesterday evening from a two weeks' outing in McDonald county. Frank says that he caught a "few fish."

E. J. McGrew and W. E. Bard, of Sedalia, left yesterday in Mr. McGrew's car for Excelsior Springs where they will make arrangements to take Mrs. Bard, who has been in ill health for some time.

A. R. Boone, of Charleston, Missouri, candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Democrat ticket, was in Lexington Tuesday getting acquainted. Mr. Boone has been treasurer of Mississippi county for six years. Previous to this he was superintendent of the public schools of Charleston. Mr. Boone is in every way qualified to meet the demands of the office he is seeking.

Rev. S. Boyd White went to Independence Friday on business.

L. G. Eckle returned Friday to his home in Buckner.

Miss Mary Lale left Saturday morning for a visit in Gentry, Arkansas.

Mrs. E. B. Farley and daughter, Miss Grace, returned Friday night to Sedalia.

Mrs. J. R. Moorehead and son, Wingate, went to Fulton Saturday morning for a visit.

James R. Moorehead left Friday evening on a business trip to Chicago. Mr. Moorehead is secretary of the National Federation of Retail Merchants and has a branch office in Chicago.

Miss Susie Alford and Mrs. Alice Fitzgerald went to Kansas City Friday evening for a short stay.

Misses Rose and Belle Lutz, students at Central College, left Saturday for Warrensburg where she will enter the State Normal for the summer term.

D. T. Bogie went to Kansas City Saturday to spend the day on business.

Dr. Z. M. Williams went to Kansas City Saturday to spend the day on business.

Miss Tarleton Belles and Miss Fannie Wilmet left Friday for Denver, Col., to spend the for Denver, Col., to spend the summer.

YOUNG HICKLIN DEAD

Passes Away Soon After an Operation.

Young Hicklin, a well known farmer of this county, died Tuesday evening at 1:30 in the New German Hospital in Kansas City, of pulmonary embolism following an operation for enlargement of the prostate glands. Mr. Hicklin was taken critically ill Saturday night and an immediate operation was necessary. He went to Kansas City Sunday accompanied by his son, Jack. The operation, which was successful in every way, was performed Monday morning. A new complication arose which owing to his advanced age caused his death.

Mr. Hicklin was the son of James and Agnes Hicklin and was born on the old Hicklin homestead, two and one-half miles east of Lexington, July 29, 1842. He has lived in this county practically all of his life. He was in the Confederate army and saw considerable service. He was married June 6, 1869, to Miss Eliza Plummer, who died several years ago. He is survived by six children as follows: Mrs. H. H. Harris, of Marshall; Mrs. Floyd Davis, of Kansas City; Mrs. Robert Shelby, of Oklahoma City; Lemuel Hicklin, of Kansas City; and Jack and Mrs. Pearl Winn, who lived with their father.

Mr. Hicklin was a prosperous farmer. His tastes were simple, and in spite of a rough exterior, he had a kindly heart and did much for those less fortunate than he.

The body was brought down from Kansas City Wednesday and taken to his late home where the funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. C. M. Davenport assisted by Dr. Z. M. Williams, conducted the services.

Old Trails Road.

The Old Trails Road Association which is fighting for the Ocean to Ocean Highway will have its Organization car here Monday, June 17. This car started from Los Angeles and will have 50,000 members enrolled and pledged when it reaches Kansas City. The National Association is forming auxiliary societies all along the line of the Old Trails Road, and the meeting here will be for that purpose. This car is accompanied through Missouri by Walter Williams, President of the Missouri Old Trails Road Association; by Curtis Hill, State Engineer; by Prof. F. L. Martin, of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, and by the Kansas City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Let every patriotic citizen in Lexington attend this meeting. The arrival of the car will be announced in Monday's papers.

Mrs. Emma Peddicord Dead.

Mrs. Emma Peddicord, a former resident of this city, died about 2 o'clock Sunday morning at her home in Odessa, where she has lived for the past several years. Mrs. Peddicord was about 70 years old, and is survived by three brothers and one sister as follows: Walter, John, William and Miss Fannie Newman of this city. Also an adopted son, Albert Pointer, of this city. Mrs. Peddicord was a true and faithful member of the Christian church. The body was brought to Lexington for burial Monday afternoon.